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US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

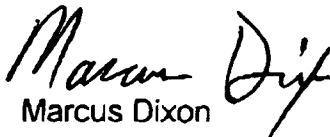
I am happy to hear that the Department of Justice has ended its three-year antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft with a strong and binding agreement. It will most certainly have profound implications for all software publishers, the rest of the American Information Technology industry and consumers.

Under the agreement, computer manufacturers were granted new rights to configure systems with access to various Windows features. Microsoft must also design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software and to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows.

The government even went so far as to create an ongoing technical oversight committee to review Microsoft software codes and books, and to test Microsoft compliance to ensure that Microsoft abides by the agreement. What more could Microsoft's competitors want? Maybe a front door key to the corporate headquarters would suffice them!

America's economy needs a break. This American company, Microsoft, with its world-renowned success, affects a big part of America's economy. I hope never to see another federal government lawsuit against Microsoft beyond this settlement.

Sincerely,


Marcus Dixon

cc: Senator Rick Santorum